

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF  
March 7, 2014

It's that time of year again! Remember to set your clocks forward one hour before you retire Saturday night as the official "spring forward" time is 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

**Dates to Remember:**

March 11, 2014	Hendry-Clewiston Recreation Board – 10:00 a.m.
March 13, 2014	City Commission Workshop - 5:00 p.m.
March 17, 2014	City Commission Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
March 20, 2014	Golf Course Advisory Board - noon
<b>April 5, 2014</b>	<b>Annual Spring Cleaning – 9:00 a.m. to noon (note change of date)</b>

**Staff Reports**

**Community Development Director Reese reports:**

- One (1) violation case for overgrowth and one (1) case was found to be in compliance and closed.
- A final inspection was conducted at 444 East Sugarland Hwy., now named Taqueria Jalapeno's, formerly known as Florida Cafeteria.
- A variety of signs were picked from rights-of-way throughout the City.
- The code violations at the two story apartments located at 550 South Lopez are being addressed. The owner has made many repairs and is painting the building making quite an improvement to the neighborhood.

**Golf Course Operations Director reports:**

- On Saturday, March 8, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., a Junior Golf Clinic will be held at the Golf Course. Sign-ups will take place at the driving range and the cost is \$10.00.
- On Sunday, March 9, a Parent-Child Golf tournament will be held with a shotgun start at 3:00 p.m. The entry fee is \$50.00 per team. Call the Golf Course for more information at 983-1448.

**Library Director Barrett reports:**

- Details for the annual One-Book-One Community Reads program will be announced soon. The focus this year is on disabilities. We are hoping to hold a fair in conjunction with the event.
- Remodeling of the Library is very far along. The electrical is now complete and we look forward to painting it in the upcoming week. Again, please excuse any inconvenience while we make things better for you.
- The Hendry County Library Cooperative's proposal for improved and expanded library services will be on the agenda for the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners meeting next Tuesday at 5:00 p.m., in the Clewiston City Hall. Please come out to support the Library at this meeting which may be a milestone in the history of the Library.

- Story time and the children's book club continue at the Library. Any help you can provide to purchase snacks for the children will be appreciated.

#### **Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- Two large fishing tournaments scheduled back to back for the past two weekends stretched our resources. However, from a law enforcement perspective, there were no issues and no reported thefts. Officers arrived at 5:00 a.m. to assist nearly 200 boaters attempting to access the boat basin ramps.
- The dive team will be in Stuart to be recertified this week. Three new members will obtain initial certification in order to join the team.
- Patrol stopped a suspicious vehicle on Royal Palm Sunday night. The driver and passenger were ultimately arrested for possession of methamphetamine and marijuana.
- Night shift responded to a call for assistance from Hendry County Sheriff's Deputies at the Hendry County Speedway. Reports indicated a large fight in progress. The officer later returned to the City without incident. The City was not without police protection during this time as two officers remained in town.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
  - 1175** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
  - 536** Complaints Investigated
  - 30** Traffic Citations Issued
  - 27** Arrests Made
  - 62** Merchant Escorts Provided
  - 18** Red Light Camera Violations
  - 19** Alarms Responded To
  - 4** Traffic Accidents Investigated

#### **Public Works Director Scheffler reports:**

- The City will again sponsor the **Annual Spring Cleaning on April 5, 2014**, (note the date change) 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Because of other events going on the previous weekend, we changed the date so you can participate! You've got plenty of time to get a team together, bring the kids, or come solo, everyone will be welcome. Help us make America's Sweetest Town, America's Cleanest Town! Call Public Works Director Sean Scheffler at 983-1471 for more information.
- Mosquito Control Activity: City manager Perry & Public Works Director Scheffler met with Clarke Environmental on Tuesday to discuss mosquito issues. We are scheduled for an aerial spray Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Crews have painted the "Handicap Parking" spaces throughout the City. (2) We started painting white lines and a special Saturday operation is scheduled for March 8 around the Government buildings on Ventura and Central Avenue.
- Facility Maintenance: (1) The fuel tank at the Operations Yard was treated for rust and painted on Tuesday. (2) The Country Club and Pro Shop will be power washed next week.
- Drainage Projects: Public Works is scheduling the installation of "perf pipe" on Ponce de Leon and Pinewood to help eliminate standing water that won't percolate into the ground because of a shallow layer of rock.

- Sidewalk Projects: (1) The Safe Routes to School project on North Lopez between US27 and Caribbean started last week. (2) We have received a copy of the plans for the same kind of project on Basilian Crescent between W.C. Owen and Central Elementary School. (3) A request has been sent to the FDOT office for sidewalk on US27 to San Luiz.
- Library Remodel Project: All demolition has been completed. Wall studs are in place and the electrician has completed his work. The contractor has requested paint colors for walls and trim.
- Wild Bees: **Be on the lookout for them.** We addressed seven (7) nests this week in play areas and rights-of-ways. An Africanized bee colony can be very aggressive and pursue the cause of their aggravation. Please use caution and call a pest control company to have the bees taken care of safely.

#### **Recreation Director Ramer reports:**

- CHS Softball will play their next home game on March 7<sup>th</sup> on Field #8 against the LaBelle Cowgirls at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. GO TIGERS!
- CHS Baseball will play their next home game on March 7<sup>th</sup> against the LaBelle Cowboys at 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Stalls Field (Field #1) GO TIGERS!
- Work on Stalls Field “bullpen mounds” is nearing completion. The sides and back walls were poured. Sand and clay will be added and packed beginning this week, as well as repairs to the backstop fences and catcher’s areas.
- Trimming, edging, rolling, aerating and cleaning has begun on the other game fields and concession stands at Sugarland Park in preparation for the upcoming baseball/softball season scheduled to begin on March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The Hendry-Clewiston Recreation Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers at City Hall. This meeting is open to the public.
- Please contact the Youth Center at (863) 983-1492, “LIKE” us on Facebook or visit [www.clewistonrecreation.com](http://www.clewistonrecreation.com) for all your recreational needs and information.

#### **Utilities Department Director Williams reports:**

- Mike Cox and Jason Crawford passed the Phase I Traffic Light class and will be attending the second session this month. Steve Hayes completed Supervisor training in Orlando last week and is finishing his Advanced Lineman training this week.
- The Electric crew is repairing lights on Bond Street and replacing and removing transformers on the south side of town this week.
- The Water/Sewer crew is replacing a 2” main on Bond Street in the coming weeks. They have been replacing lift station pumps and painting lift stations and hydrants.
- We received a permit for Osprey nest removal from Florida Fish and Wildlife. This will allow us to relocate any nests on our structures.
- The Tyler software conversion was completed this week and we went live March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The conversion went well but we have a few “kinks” to work out. Training will continue next week.